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LOK SABHA

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AKSHAY URJA FOR RURAL ELECTRIFICATION
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched any scheme to provide electricity to 25 thousand villages in the country by 2009 under the `Akshay Urja` as reported in Dainik Jagran dated June 17, 2005 ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount likely to be spent by the Union Government on this scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR)

(a): A Programme for electrification with non-conventional energy sources, of unelectrified remote census villages where grid extension is likely to be either unfeasible or not cost effective is being implemented by the Ministry. The initial lists provided by various States indicate that the number of such villages in the country could be around 25000. A target for electrification of 5000 such remote villages has been set for the 10th Plan. The Ministry has so far provided support for electrification of 3064 villages of which 1944 have been completed while work is in various stages of completion in the balance 1120 villages. The remaining are expected to be taken up during the 11th Plan.

(b) & (c) : Under its Remote Village Electrification Programme, the Ministry provides a one-time Central Financial Assistance of upto 90% of the benchmark project costs to the state implementing agencies. The Programme is currently being implemented primarily by the State Nodal Agencies for renewable energy in various States. For the 10th Plan, the Ministry has been allocated an amount of Rs.735 crores for the Programme. The requirement of funds for the 11th Plan has not been finalized yet and is likely to depend upon the mix of various non-conventional energy technologies actually deployed in the villages.